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RESOLUTION

No. <u>FB-13-038</u>

(Supporting Governor Brewer's Plan for Medicaid Expansion and Requesting the Arizona State Legislature to Approve the Plan)

- WHEREAS, the San Carlos Apache Tribe ("Tribe") is a federally recognized Indian Tribe organized pursuant to the provisions of Section 16 of the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984); and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has the authority, among other things, to "represent the Tribe and act in all matters that concern the welfare of the Tribe, and to make decisions not inconsistent with or contrary to [the Tribe's] Constitution and Bylaws," pursuant to Article V, Section 1(a) of the Amended Constitution and By-Laws of the San Carlos Apache Tribe; and
- WHEREAS, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (P.L. 111-148, "PPACA") will expand Medicaid to 133% of the federal poverty limit on January 1, 2014, creates a system of health care exchanges, made important commercial insurance reforms and established an individual mandate; and
- WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Arizona proposes to fully participate in the Medicaid expansion under the PPACA, adding nearly 60,000 Arizonans to the Medicaid rolls, restore Proposition 204 (2000) coverage, and to opt out of developing a State run Health Care Exchange, which requires a federal Health Care Exchange model unless Governor Brewer does not reconsider; and
- WHEREAS, while the Indian Health Care Network in Arizona has long been underfunded, the expansion of Medicaid, together with a federal Health Care Exchange, will finally bring full funding to the Network and allow tribal members to access and benefit from health care insurance opportunities mandated under the PPACA, thus improving health care for tribal members like never before; and
- WHEREAS, Arizona voters have twice voted to expand Medicaid, and Proposition 204 (2000) will expire, unless the Arizona legislature acts to accept Governor Brewer's plan; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council finds that Governor Brewer's plan, as described herein, will ensure health care for most of Arizona and the Tribe's members.

- **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the San Carlos Apache Tribe hereby urges the Arizona Legislature to adopt Governor Brewer's plan for health care in Arizona, as described herein, as her plan is in the best interest of the Tribe and Arizona.
- **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the San Carlos Apache Tribe that the Chairman, or in his absence, the Vice Chairman, or designee, is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the intent of this Resolution.

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, Secretary of the San Carlos Tribal Council, hereby certify that the Tribal Council is composed of eleven (11) members, of whom six <u>6</u>, constituting a quorum, were at a Special Council Meeting hereto held on the <u>27th</u> day of <u>February</u>, <u>2013</u>, and that the foregoing Resolution No. <u>FB-13-038</u> was duly adopted by a vote of <u>FOR: 7; OPPOSED: 0; ABSTAINED: 0;</u> of the Tribal Council pursuant to Article V, Section 1 (a) of the Amended Constitution and Bylaws of the San Carlos Apache Tribe, effective, February 24, 1954.

Katrina Talkalai, Tribal Secretary SAN CARLOS APACHE TRIBE